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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

A number of firemen and others interested in the controversy between the Township Committee and the Glenwood Fire Alarm Company were present at the Township Committee meeting on Monday night. Mr. Halfpenny, Chairman of the Fire Committee, related in detail the whole matter and at his request the Clerk read a number of letters that had passed between the Company and the Fire Committee in the matter. Mr. Halfpenny stated that at the meeting in the Truck House on Saturday morning, the Fire Committee declined to accept the Fire Alarm system from the hands of the Glenwood Fire Alarm Company on the ground that the Company had failed to obtain consent of property-owners for the erection of poles. The Agent of the Glenwood Fire Alarm Company, Mr. Torrey, contended that the consents were a matter for the Township Committee to obtain.

The fact that the contract stipulated that the Committee should designate a route, or in other words furnish right of way was in the opinion of the Company's agent conclusive evidence that the Committee could not do otherwise than accept the system. The Fire Committee admitted that the Township Committee could and did designate a route, but they maintained that they had no right to grant any corporation power to erect a pole in front of a piece of property without the owner's consent. The whole controversy hinges on this point. The Fire Committee did not feel justified in accepting the system when it was not perfectly clear that the Township Committee had no authority to do so. From the time of the correspondence that has lately passed between the Committee and the Company it appears as if the matter was in a fair way of adjustment. Should it be definitely settled before the next Town Committee meeting the Fire Committee have it in their power to call a special meeting to vote on the acceptance of the system.

Aside from the legal question at issue, several other points have come up in relation to the system that tend to give color to the fact that the Glenwood Company have done as little as it could for the money. Committee Chairman Cockfield stated that the poles were not put in the ground deep enough and would require resetting before long. Committee Chairman Van Gieson asserted that the wood was rotten in a number of places.

Bills of nine dollars each were presented by Janitors Douglas, of Phoenix House, and Forman of Excelsior House, for services on election day. Clerk Farland stated that it had not yet been determined whether the town or county paid the bills for incidental expenses of the recent election. The bills were laid over.

The Legal Committee reported on a number of matters that had been referred to them. In the matter of opening Race street and Newark avenue, the Committee reported that the town had no jurisdiction. With respect to passing an ordinance forbidding the carrying of guns and other fire arms unlicensed, it was reported that the Committee had no power to pass such an ordinance.

In the question whether the Vendor's License Ordinance applied to home peddlers or not it was reported that it did. In the matter of the grading of the sidewalk on the south side of Belleville avenue, the Committee reported that the Township Committee had power to remove any trees that may be in the way. This opinion was requested by the Sidewalk Committee. A petition for a flag stone sidewalk was received by K. to be laid on the south side of Belleville avenue between Elm street and the Canal. A number of fine elm trees would be destroyed in grading for the walk. There is considerable opposition to the destruction of the trees and the Committee wished to make sure that they had the legal power before entering on the work.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert of the Road Committee, that Committee be directed to repair the washout on the south side of Liberty street.

Mr. Cockfield stated that the road repair fund was nearly all expended. A resolution was passed that the Road Committee make such repairs to roads as in their judgment are absolutely necessary. The expense will be defrayed from the contingent fund which it is anticipated will be augmented by arrears of taxes.

Mr. William Bromley, a well known and highly esteemed resident of this town, died at his home on Bloomfield avenue last Monday morning after a lingering attack of Bright's disease. Mr. Bromley was a member of the firm controlling the Glenwood Iron Works and the superintendent of the company for the past twenty-two years. Mr. Bromley was born in New York seventy-two years ago. When 15 years of age he was apprenticed to the firm of R. H. Dunham & Co., boiler makers, at the foot of Eighth Street. He served his time at that establishment and when 21 years old took a position as superintendent of the Fulton Iron Works controlled by Pease & Murphy, at the foot of Corlies street. When this firm dissolved and then with several other companies, consolidated with the Glenwood Iron Works under that name, Mr. Bromley was offered the same position that he had held with Pease & Murphy. He accepted and ten years ago was promoted to partnership in the concern. He continued to be superintendent up to a year ago, when he was first taken ill. Since then he has not been actively employed in any business but has still retained his interest in the iron concern. Mr. Bromley leaves a wife. Mr. Bromley was a prominent member of the Park M. E. Church and took an active part in the affairs of the church. He was president of the board of trustees. His funeral will take place from the church on Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended.

The building known as the old slaughter house on Main avenue near Glenwood avenue was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. The building contained about 10 tons of hay belonging to contractor Brunst. A high wind prevailed at the time and adjoining buildings were in imminent danger of being ignited from the burning embers carried by the wind. The efforts of the firemen were directed towards preventing the spread of the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown. Circumstances seem to indicate that it was the work of some vicious boys.

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Mr. J. W. Brontson, the Glenwood Avenue jeweler, will leave town on the 21st inst. for Jacksonville, Florida. He is under an engagement to do some special work for a jewelry firm in that city. He will be absent about a month. His absence will conduct the business during his absence.

The organization of a uniformed division in connection with the Y. M. C. A. of this city is proving very popular among a number of young men and the lodge is receiving a large increase in its membership. Nearly 20 new members have been taken in during the past two months.

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